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#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-8, 10-18, and 20-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants AMEND claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16 and CANCEL claims 1 and 9.

Applicants greatly appreciate the allowance of claims 17, 18, and 20-24 by the Examiner.

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 5, 6, 13, 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have amended claims 5 and 13 to recite all of the features of claim 1 and 9, respectively, and have amended claims 2, 4, 7, and 8 and claims 10, 12, 15, and 16 to depend on claim 5 and claim 13, respectively. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-8 and 10-16 are allowable.

Claims 1-4, 7-12, 15, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ueda (U.S. Patent No. 5,874,869). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-4, 7-12, 15, and 16.

As noted above, Applicants have amended claims 5 and 13 to recite all of the features of claim 1 and 9, respectively, and have amended claims 2, 4, 7, and 8 and claims 10, 12, 15, and 16 to depend on claim 5 and claim 13, respectively. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-8 and 10-16 are allowable.

Thus, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4, 7-12, 15, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ueda.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the prior art of record, applied alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the unique combination and arrangement of elements recited in claims 5 and 13 of the present application. Claims 2-4 and 6-8 depend upon claim 5 and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claim 5 is allowable. Claims 10-12 and 14-16 depend upon claim 13 and are

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therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claim 13 is allowable. The Examiner has allowed claims 17, 18, and 20-24.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition the Commissioner for a THREE-month extension of time, extending to November 30, 2003, the period for response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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